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Sir:

Applicants' British representatives wish to emphasize the following Points in conjunction with the arguments in the response filed on November 16, 2007:

At page 3, line 16-17 of text with respect to the statement "...'949 does not require that any species comprehended thereby contain a tertiary carbon atom.", they would add :

> It is not only that the '949 disclosure does not require the species to "contain" a tertiary carbon atom but also that it does not require that the species be "bonded to the phosphorous atom via any one of its tertiary carbon atoms", as currently claimed.

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Page 4, first line of text with respect to the statement "Lastly, the adamantyl group is a cage structure as schematically shown above", they would add.

> "'949 does not teach that the cycloaliphatic group which contains 4-8 ring carbon atoms should be formed into a cage structure. In the absence of teaching to the contrary, it is submitted that the skilled person would anticipate a single ring structure. There is no teaching to:
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> 1 enlarge the cycloaliphatic ring structure of of C4-C8;
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> 2 form it into a specific cage with
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> 3 tertiary carbon atoms and
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> 4 attach the adamantyl cage so formed to the Q1 or Q2 atom via one of the tertiary carbon atoms.

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An Information Disclosure Statement is filed concurrently. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge and/or credit any deficiencies to our Deposit Account No. 22-0216, referencing our Docket No. 31229-213464.

Respectfully submitted,

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